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1. The following shipments arrived from the direction of Pritzwalk and were unloaded at the Wittstock railroad station on 13 and 14 March 1955: 25X1

13 March. A shipment of 16 x 122-mm field guns or 152-mm gun howitzers, 19 prime movers, approximately 18 trucks and some 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

A shipment of 16 guns, prime movers, trucks and approximately 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

14 March. A shipment of 20 x 122-mm field howitzers, 44 motor vehicles, 1 field kitchen and approximately 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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2. Between 12 and 15 March, several columns, each of 20 to 25 trucks with canvas-covered guns, passed through Wittstock and proceeded toward Schweinrich. A total of approximately 120 guns was observed.

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3. Between 4 and 8 March, the Tauentzien Kaserne (5584) in Stendal was occupied by only a rear detail. 2

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- 1 Comment. It cannot be determined whether the movements were made in connection with small-scale firing practices or major exercises at the Wittstock training grounds. According to types of guns, the unloading on 13/14 March may have involved elements of the 4th Gds Arty Brig from Schwerin. It is assumed that the artillery units which arrived by road also belonged to the IX Mtz Rifle Corps.

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- 2 Comment.                      the exercise in the northern portion of Letzling Heath between 1 and 5 March, which probably involved units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and corps troops of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps

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